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Sent: 5/31/2019 10:52:49 PM
To: Scott Epstein [sepstein@aqmd.gov]; Scott.King@arb.ca.gov
CC: Williams, Jennifer [Williams.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: List of questions related to 24-hour PM2.5 attainment in the South Coast

Absolutely, anyone you want is fine, I just didn't want to cc everyone on the back and forth logistical emails.

From: Scott Epstein <sepstein@aqmd.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 3:43 PM
To: Tax, Wienke <Tax.Wienke@epa.gov>; Scott.King@arb.ca.gov
Cc: Williams, Jennifer <Williams.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: List of questions related to 24-hour PM2.5 attainment in the South Coast

Hi Wienke,

I'll check around for availability. Is it okay if we invite Phil Fine and Sarah Rees to the meeting as well?

All the best,

Scott

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From: Tax, Wienke [mailto:Tax.Wienke@epa.gov]
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Cc: Williams, Jennifer <Williams.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: List of questions related to 24-hour PM2.5 attainment in the South Coast

Hi Scott and Scott –

My apologies for the delay in getting back to you – I was out last week.

We would like to schedule a conference call for late next week or early the following week to discuss your questions. Thought I'd start checking dates with you now, and hope that you can check calendars for the folks in your respective offices. It would be good to have someone from the planning group at AQMD also.

We're available:

Fri 6/7 9-10 am, 11 am – 12 pm
Wed 6/12 2:30-4:30
Friday 6/14 9-10 am, 1-3 pm

Thanks much –

Wienke

From: Scott Epstein <sepstein@aqmd.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 12:03 PM

To: Tax, Wienke <Tax.Wienke@epa.gov>

Cc: Vagenas, Ginger <Vagenas.Ginger@epa.gov>; Graham, AshleyR <Graham.AshleyR@epa.gov>; Jo Kay Ghosh <jghosh@aqmd.gov>; Philip Fine <pfine@aqmd.gov>; Zorik Pirveysian <ZPirveysian@aqmd.gov>; Sarah Rees <SRees@aqmd.gov>; Najita, Theresa@ARB <theresa.najita@arb.ca.gov>; Scott.King@arb.ca.gov

Subject: List of questions related to 24-hour PM2.5 attainment in the South Coast

Hi Wienke,

As we discussed, we've prepared a list of questions related to attainment of the 24-hour PM2.5 standard. We thought this would be easier and more-fruitful than trying to set up a meeting with staff from various levels at three agencies.

As you know, our 24-hour PM2.5 attainment date is 12/31/2019, so the 2017-2019 design value will be used to determine our attainment status. Initial analysis by South Coast AQMD staff indicates that it is possible to attain the standard assuming that we can successfully demonstrate several wildfire- and fireworks-related exceptional events and that data collected at the end of 2019 is relatively-clean.

- As we understand, EPA prioritizes review of exceptional events based on regulatory significance, however, we will not know if the exceptional events occurring in 2017-2019 have regulatory significance until we process all of the FRM filter measurements for 2019 (expected late in the first quarter of 2020). Will EPA begin review of our submitted events before regulatory significance is officially determined?
- We are diligently working on the exceptional events that have occurred in 2017 and 2018 and plan to have them ready before the end of the year. However, we will need time to prepare demonstrations for any exceptional events that occur towards the end of 2019. When do we have to submit these documents in order to be considered for classification? Is there a mechanism where we can submit a draft before the 30-day public review process begins so that EPA can start the review process?
- Can EPA lay out the timeline for this process? It appears that the timing will be really tight considering we will not have final data for the fourth quarter of 2019 until February 2020 at the earliest. Is there any flexibility in the timeline?
- We experience firework-related PM2.5 exceedances every year due to 4th of July fireworks. Is it reasonable to combine all events from 4th of July fireworks across multiple years into a single demonstration, or should we break out each year into an individual demonstration.

Feel free to give me a call if you need any clarification.

All the best,

Scott

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From: Scott Epstein <sepstein@aqmd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 10:07 AM
To: Tax, Wienke <Tax.Wienke@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: conference call on 2006 PM2.5 data

Hi Wienke,

Thanks for reaching out. We decided to prepare a list of questions and thought we could schedule a meeting after you had a chance to review our questions. I'm still waiting for Zorik to gather our questions from the planning side, but we should hopefully have that list to you this week. Does this strategy make sense?

Thanks!

Scott

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From: Tax, Wienke [mailto:Tax.Wienke@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 9:53 AM
To: Scott Epstein <sepstein@aqmd.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]conference call on 2006 PM2.5 data

Hi Scott –

I understand from Gwen that you are interested in having a conference call on the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS, and I had planned to check in with you in early May anyway, so I'm checking in about scheduling something. Jennifer is out this week on a TSA; we are available next week. The following times look good:

- Tuesday 5/7 9-10 am
- Wednesday 5/8 8-9 am
- Thursday 5/9 8:30-9:30 am
- Friday 5/10 9 am to 11:30 am

If these times don't work, we can look into the following week.

Also, it would be helpful to know who you'd like to include from SCAQMD.

Thanks much –

Wienke

